and public awareness, and an action plan for specific sub-sectors. The strategic action plan will direct the future priorities and activities in different sectors of biotechnology. The Draft Strategy was put on the website of Department of Biotechnology for eliciting views and comments. A large number of responses have been received from students, scientists, industries, research organization, NGO's etc and also the general public. In addition consultation with Industry and NGO's have also been held.

(c) and (d) The National Biotechnology Development Strategy has been finalized after incorporating the comments/suggestions received. The Draft Note for approval by cabinet is under inter-ministerial consultation.

Interaction between India and US scientists

1880. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Harvard and MIT scientists had recently interacted with the scientists of CSIR at a meet co-organized by the Indo-US Science and Technology Forum;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of scientists from CSIR who have been able to translate their research work into successful commercial ventures with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Indo-US Science and Technology Forum organized a seminar on "Technopreneurship in Academia" during 23-24 January 2006 in which a number of CSIR Scientists participated and interacted with key note speakers and venture capitalists from Harvard and MIT.

(c) (1) Dr. P. Shantan Rao, Scientist of Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT) has been granted Extraordinary Leave on foreign service terms for three years from 01.6.2005 to 31.5.2008 to enable him to become scientist entrepreneur while being associated with M/s BASR Fine Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. Jeedimetla, Hyderabad, Andhara Pradesh as

share holder for licensing of know-how for 2,4- dichloroflurobenzene (IICT/ CSIR process).

(2) Shri S. Koteswara Rao, Ex-Scientist of IICT has taken the IICT CSIR process on chlorpyriphos (pesticide) to start a new manufacturing facility under M/s. Bhagiradha Chemicals & Industries Ltd., at Cheruvukommupalem, Andhara Pradesh. The company achieved a turnover of Rs. 72.22 Crores and with a proft of Rs. 10.11 Crores during the financial year 2004-05.

Plan allocations for scientific departments

1881. SHRI DHARMA PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that plan allocation for scientific departments have increased during the current financial plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether new schemes have been introduced in areas of Research and Development during the current financial plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Plan allocation for scientific departments have been increased by 21.72% during the financial year 2005-06. The details of plan allocation for 2004-05 and 2005-06 are given below.

Sl. No.	S&T Department/Agencies	Plan Allocation 2004-05 (Rs. In crores)	Plan Allocation 2005-06 (Rs. In crores)	% increase
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Department of Atomic Energy (R&D Sector)	703.58	872.74	24.04
2.	Department of Ocean Development	200.00	340.00	70.00
3.	Department of Science & Technology	900.00	1250.00	38.88